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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, due to the severe weather conditions in the Washington D.C. area, my airplane was not able to land before the votes occurred on H.R. 717, the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2001, and H.J. Res. 65, the FY 2002 Continuing Resolution.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these bills.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 24, 2001, I was unavoidably detained the train broke down-and I missed rollcall votes numbered 349 and 350. Rollcall vote 349 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass HR 717, to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Rollcall vote 350 was on passage of H. J. Res. 65, to provide for continuing appropriations for the fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both H.R. 717 and H. J. Res. 65.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK IN PROMOTING DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES

Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for immediate consideration in the House of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 84) supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like a brief explanation from the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, this resolution calls for increased awareness of drug abuse and promotes drugfree communities.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 following the death of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a drug enforcement agent who was close to uncovering identities of key members of a Mexican drug cartel. Saddened by his death and concerned by the destruction caused by drugs in America, his friends and familv in his hometown of Calexico, California began wearing red ribbons in his honor to raise the consciousness of communities throughout the Imperial Valley.

Today the red ribbon has become the national symbol for drug prevention across America. Red Ribbon Week activities make a positive impact in communities nationwide. The program focuses on identifying resources for parents and collaborating with community stakeholders to provide primary prevention and education to strengthen healthy families.

I support the goals of this resolution, Mr. Speaker; and I believe it is a critical tool through which local communities learn, educate, and act to ensure a healthier future for our children. I ask my colleagues to support the fight against drugs and to help us pass H. Con. Res. 84, supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week and promoting drugfree communities.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA).

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 84. This bill expresses a sense of Congress supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week and preventing drug use. We must focus on awareness and prevention.

The battle against drugs is being fought in our homes, in our living rooms with real human beings and with our children, our brothers, our sisters, our parents, our neighbors, our friends, our relatives and our communities.

In California, I have worked hard to recognize Red Ribbon Week, as you can see by the red ribbon that I am wearing now. And as it was stated earlier before, it originally started in 1985 in Imperial Valley; and we have celebrated in San Bernardino, throughout the last 7 or 8 years, Red Ribbon Week, We have a parade.

I think it is important for our communities to know that drugs kill our children. We must be aware. We must do everything possible to prevent the use of drugs, saving a life and getting a child to go in a positive direction is good for our children. Let them know that we will say no to drugs. Drugs are bad, bad for our children, bad for our community, bad for our society, whatever we can do to promote that awareness and involvement in our neighborhoods.

We have got our communities involved. We have schools that are involved. We have businesses that are involved. We have neighborhoods that are involved. We have youth and families that participate because we know what it means and what a disaster it is to a family who is involved in drugs.

It is also a savings in taxpayer dollars to us as well. When we look at a child or someone who is into drugs, it costs us for that particular child to rehabilitate them. It is a lot better to do the prevention and awareness to save the child and save a life.

I believe we have to do everything possible to make sure our communities are drug free. We participate with law enforcement in our communities. We participate with the fire department. We participate with our neighbors. We want healthy and productive and drugfree life society. By all of us being involved and coming together, we are touching the lives and saving the lives of many individuals in our community.